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## BARGAINS FOR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4TH

**Special for Men:** The Best makes of Pocket Knives, 75c and \$1.00 Values, at, each, - **49c**

**Special for Ladies:** Bread Bowls and Bread Trays, good values at 75c and \$1.00, go at - **49c**

Hardware Department of The Canyon Mercantile Company

## 18,000 POST CARDS

We have had especially printed for our trade some of the finest post cards that can be made and they represent various scenes of interest in this city and the canyons near us. They are beautifully colored and are artistic. Send a few to your friends as a souvenir of the town.

### Holiday Diamonds

In order that our friends may have something worth while to select from we will have a nice line of mounted and unmounted diamonds in stock in time for the Christmas trade. If you contemplate an elegant gift to your wife, sweetheart or friend we can supply it.

### Reliable Timekeepers

There has never been such a stock of watches and clocks handled west of Fort Worth as we have now. They are standard make and of the best quality. Clocks of any old kind a man may want, high priced, low priced or a medium price. Our watches run in price from \$1.00 up to the size of your pile and you get your money's worth whatever you may buy in this department.

### Jewelry Department

Is more complete than ever. We have a full line of the latest designs in everything. Our cut glass is more than worth the money we are asking for it and it is pretty too. Hand painted china, toilet sets, silverware and carving sets which are as good as money can buy. See them.

### Drug Department

There is not a drug store in the whole western country that is better prepared to serve you with just the item of medicine needed, whether it be in patent medicines or the most intricate prescription. Our prescriptionists are men of long experience and our drugs are strictly pure and fresh. It does not pay to use anything but the best when your health is concerned.

Don't forget that we have an excellent Watchmaker and Jeweler who thoroughly understands all departments of the jewelry and watchmaking trade, and that he is always at your service. The work is guaranteed. You could not ask for more.

## City Pharmacy

## A REPORT

Not the puny sizzle of a bean gun, nor the scarcely audible snap of a boy's cap pistol, but the deafening belch of a ponderous, strictly modern, large calibre, rapid firing, well aimed gun mounted to defend the interests of the community in general and the depositors of "The Old Reliable" in particular.

Read the Report. Its adoption is by unanimous vote of a large majority of our honorable citizens.

L. T. Lester, President. John Hutson, Vice-Pres. D. A. Park, Cashier. Travis Shaw, Asst. Cash.

### THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK CANYON, TEXAS.

At Close of Business, September 23rd, 1908.

STATEMENT CONDENSED FROM REPORT TO COMPTROLLER

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans and Discounts	\$291,124.03	Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Bonds & Premiums	154,746.65	Surplus and Profits	42,503.26
Bk'g House, Fixtures & Realty	13,195.00	Circulation	100,000.00
Due from U. S. Treasury	2,300.00	Deposits	343,841.57
Cash and Exchange	125,069.15		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$586,434.83</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$586,434.83</b>

I certify that the above is correct. D. A. PARK, Cashier.

## The First National Bank of Canyon

### CANYON CITY GROWING SOME.

BRICK STORE BUILDINGS ARE BEING ERECTED AS FAST AS MEN CAN DO THE WORK.

Improvements on East Side of Square Begin and Will be Rushed to Completion. Five New Stores.

Last Tuesday afternoon the work on the three new brick buildings on the east side of the square which are being erected jointly by Messrs. R. B. Redfearn, A. S. Rollins and Harrison and Garrison, was begun. The foundation was laid and the walls of the buildings will be rushed as much as possible in order to allow the tenants to get into the buildings by the first of the year if possible.

These buildings are to have plate glass fronts and each are to have a frontage of twenty feet on that side of the square. They will have pressed brick in the front where brick are exposed together with a flat swinging awning such as are used in the larger cities.

Plans for the two brick buildings which are to be erected on the southeast corner for Messrs. Hall and Abbott were also received Tuesday and as soon as the old buildings now on the corner can be removed the work on these two buildings will also begin. This will make five brick buildings altogether going up on this side of the square.

The Hall-Abbott building plans show an elegant front and street exposure. The front has plate glass windows with marble base under the windows, large double glass doors with leaded glass transoms above the doors and the awning thereby giving the greatest amount of light possible for such buildings. The awning will be similar to that used in the other buildings. In fact the whole five are to be of the same class of architecture in order to make a solid block of neat appearing houses.

It is reported on good authority that Messrs. George L. Abbott and Dr. D. M. Stewart have purchased from L. T. Lester the lot adjoining the Redfearn building now being erected and that they expect to erect thereon a brick within a short time. This will leave only the old wooden shack occupied by the telephone company on that side of the square which will not be solid brick and it is thought that the telephone company might be induced to build on that lot.

Some people in this city have been predicting that these buildings now under course of construction and contract, would never be built but they are now compelled to hide their little hammers and acknowledge that the town will advance whether they want it to do so or not.

When the First National Bank receive their plans for the new double brick on the northwest corner of the square there will be as fine a set of brick business houses in Canyon as can be found in any town in the state of its age. The bank expects to erect a building which will cost them somewhere in the neighborhood of twenty to thirty thousand dollars, more nearly the latter.

Born—Last Saturday night, to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Simpson, a fine nine pound boy.

Born—Last Friday night, to Mr. and Mrs. D. R. L. Butt at their home south of the city, a girl.

### GROWS INDIAN CORN.

Nice Report of Crop Raised on Sod Ground in This Country—No Special Effort Made.

In conversation with the News' reporter last week, J. M. Gillham, who lives in the Wayside community stated that he had tried some sod land for corn this year as an experiment. He also stated that he had not made any special effort in producing an extra quantity but rather tried to see what could be done with the average amount of farming and if anything he had slighted the work.

In gathering the corn he was careful in measuring in order that he might be as accurate as possible. He reports that he had 40 rows of this sod corn each one-half mile long and that from this he gathered nearly 400 bushels of corn or approximately forty bushels per acre.

### Another Prairie Fire.

Reports came to this city Wednesday afternoon of another prairie fire in the southeastern portion of this county and in Armstrong county last Tuesday afternoon and night. The scope of territory was not very wide on account of the high wind but the flames traveled across the country at a terrific pace. It is reported that one four room house was burned and that several people lost more or less forage crops which they had not gotten out of the fields. The fire was in south and east of Ceta and is said to have run to the canyon before it was stopped.

### NEW BRICK RESIDENCE.

Prominent Citizen Purchases Desirable Lot and Will Erect Elegant Home Soon.

T. H. Rowan this week bought from R. L. Faulkner the quarter block of land on the corner of West Houston street and Fifth street, the price for same being reported as \$3,500. This is a very desirable piece of residence property and it is reported that Mr. Rowan will begin at once the construction of an elegant home upon the property.

While the plans for the building have not been completed it is said that the house will cost about \$10,000 and will be up-to-date in every particular. Mr. Rowan does not do things by halves and it is expected that the house when completed will be an ornament which any city in the state would desire to have.

It is also reported that Mr. Rowan has sold his residence in southwestern portion of town to Chas. R. McAfee.

### Hunting Big Game.

A party of four people have been spending the past few days in the canyon east of this city hunting for the big game reported to be there. The party consists of James E. Griffith of Fort Worth, W. O. Bennett, Dan Wallace and J. L. Pritchard all of this city. Part of these men are experienced big game hunters and it is possible that they may get some shots at deer.

### The Young People Especially.

At the Methodist Church in this city next Sunday night Rev. M. E. Hawkins, the pastor, will address the congregation upon the subject, "The Relation of Young to the Old" and especially invites the attendance of the young people.

R. L. Faulkner has sold his home place to T. H. Rowan and will move with his family to Kansas City where he will open an office in connection with his land company in this city.

### NEW COMMITTEE ON RAILROAD WORK

CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETS AND APPOINTS NEW MEMBERS ON THE COUNTRY WORK.

Active Campaign For Funds From County to Begin at Once—Special Solicitor to Be Appointed.

The members of the central committee appointed by the citizens when the railroad proposition now pending before this people originated, met last Saturday at L. G. Conner's office and consulted regarding several matters pertaining to the work.

It was decided that different arrangements should be made relative to the working for the subscriptions upon the lands in Randall county and to that end a committee consisting of L. G. Conner, John Knight and Geo. A. Brandon was appointed to have that particular matter in charge.

It was also decided to employ some person whose sole duty should be to look after this portion of the work and to devote his whole time and attention to the soliciting. The committee thought that this would make it some particular person's work and that the work would therefore be advanced more rapidly.

While in session the committee discussed other matters which are not yet ready for publication.

In connection with this railway matter it might be interesting to note that Major E. C. Gordon has moved his headquarters to Canyon City and will look after the matter from this point. He is now down in that section of the country through which it is proposed to build the new road and it is possible that he may have some interesting things to disclose upon his return.

### Leslie Griggs is Dead.

After an extended illness through a period of about three months, death came last Monday at midnight to claim Leslie E. Griggs at the Griggs home about three miles north of this city. The direct cause of his death was typhoid fever.

Mr. Griggs was about 28 years of age and had been a resident of this county for about a year and a half, coming to Randall county from Genoa, Ill., his former home. He was a very quiet, unassuming young man, and very attentive to his farm work for which reason he was not so very generally known but those who had been so fortunate as to have formed his acquaintance will certainly mourn his loss to the community.

His body was taken back to Genoa for interment having been accompanied by his father, E. H. Griggs from this place on Wednesday afternoon. From the home to the depot a large number of people followed the body, among whom were a number of Odd Fellows of which order the deceased was a member at his old home town.

### Left For Railroad Work.

Last Tuesday Ira (Gunnysack) Robertson left this city with his entire grading outfit for Lubbock county where he goes to grade ten miles of the roadbed for the new railroad from Quanah to Roswell. He has a contract for ten miles of the roadbed in the northeast corner of Lubbock county.

Celery fresh from the garden, crisp as a new spring radish and as fine flavored as any that ever grew, at the Hauser place.